

On the Affine Schur Algebra of Type A II

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Abstract

By studying certain kind of centralizer algebras of the affine Schur algebra $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ we show that $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is Noetherian and we determine its center. Assuming $n \geq r$, we show that $\tilde{S}(n+1, r)$ is Morita equivalent to $\tilde{S}(n, r)$, and the Schur functor is an equivalence under certain conditions.

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1 Introduction

The affine (q -)Schur algebra (of type A) has been studied by [1] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7], which provide various equivalent definitions of the algebra.

In this paper we define the affine Schur algebra $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ ($n, r \in \mathbb{N}$) by giving a basis and the structure constants. We investigate certain centralizer algebras of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ of the form $e\tilde{S}(n, r)e$, where e is an idempotent of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$. The most interesting ones are those $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})_{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}} \tilde{S}(n, r)_{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}}$ for $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$, and those isomorphic to $\tilde{S}(n', r)$ for some $n' \in \mathbb{N}$. As applications, we obtain the following results. Firstly, when $n \geq r$, $\tilde{S}(n+1, r)$ is Morita equivalent to $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ (Theorem 3.4). Secondly, when $n \geq r$, the Schur functor is well-defined and it is an equivalence — thus the affine Schur algebra is Morita equivalent to the group algebra of the extended affine Weyl group — provided the characteristic of the base field is 0 or greater than r (Theorem 3.12). These two equivalences are affine analogues to the results in the finite case (*cf.* [2]). Thirdly, $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is Noetherian (Theorem 3.10). Besides, we determine the center of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$. More precisely, its center is isomorphic to the algebra $K[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r, t_r^{-1}]$ where t_1, \dots, t_r are indeterminates (Theorem 4.5).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give the definition of the affine Schur algebra and recall some basic properties. Section 3 is devoted to the study of certain centralizer algebras. In this section we show the Morita equivalences stated above and prove that the affine Schur algebra is Noetherian. In Section 4 we determine the center. Section 5 provides some examples of the affine Schur algebra.

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2 The affine Schur algebra

First let us introduce the setting.

K will be an infinite field, and $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$. Let Σ_r denote the symmetric group on r letters and $\widehat{\Sigma}_r = \Sigma_r \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^r$ the extended affine Weyl group of type A_{r-1} .

For a set S , we denote by $I(S, r)$ the set $\{\underline{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_r) \mid i_t \in S, t = 1, \dots, r\}$ of all r -tuples of elements in S . We often omit the brackets and commas in the expression of $\underline{i} \in I(S, r)$ if it does not cause confusion. Then Σ_r acts on the right on $I(S, r)$ by place permutation. We will abbreviate $I(\{1, \dots, n\}, r)$ to $I(n, r)$. Σ_n acts on the left on $I(n, r)$.

$\widehat{\Sigma}_r$ acts on $I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$ on the right with Σ_r acting by place permutation and \mathbb{Z}^r acting by shifting, i.e. $\underline{i}\varepsilon = \underline{i} + n\varepsilon$ for $\underline{i} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$ and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, and on $I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \times I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$ diagonally. This action depends on the number n . Note that a representative set for $I(n, r)/\Sigma_r$ is also a representative set for $I(\mathbb{Z}, r)/\widehat{\Sigma}_r$. For $\underline{i} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$, set $\widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}}$ (resp. $\Sigma_{\underline{i}}$) be the stabilizer group of \underline{i} in $\widehat{\Sigma}_r$ (resp. Σ_r), and for $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$, set $\widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}} \cap \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{j}}$ (resp. $\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \cap \Sigma_{\underline{j}}$), and so on. Note that if $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$ then $\widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}} = \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$.

To each pair $(\underline{i}, \underline{j}) \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \times I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$, we associate an element $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}$ such that $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \xi_{\underline{k}, \underline{l}}$ if and only if $(\underline{i}, \underline{j}) \sim_{\widehat{\Sigma}_r} (\underline{k}, \underline{l})$. The affine Schur algebra $\widetilde{S}(n, r)$ is defined to be the K -algebra with basis $\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \mid \underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)\}$ and multiplication given by

$$\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \xi_{\underline{k}, \underline{l}} = \sum_{(\underline{p}, \underline{q}) \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \times I(\mathbb{Z}, r) / \widehat{\Sigma}_r} Z(\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k}, \underline{l}, \underline{p}, \underline{q}) \xi_{\underline{p}, \underline{q}}$$

where $Z(\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k}, \underline{l}, \underline{p}, \underline{q}) = \#\{s \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \mid (\underline{i}, \underline{j}) \sim_{\widehat{\Sigma}_r} (\underline{p}, s), (s, \underline{q}) \sim_{\widehat{\Sigma}_r} (\underline{k}, \underline{l})\}$. We have

Proposition 2.1. ([6] Proposition 4.2)

- (i) $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \xi_{\underline{k}, \underline{l}} = 0$ unless $\underline{j} \sim_{\widehat{\Sigma}_r} \underline{k}$.
- (ii) $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}}$, for $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$.
- (iii) $\sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n, r) / \Sigma_r} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a decomposition of the identity into orthogonal idempotents.

We have another product formula, which is proved in the end of [6] Section 4.

Proposition 2.2. For $\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{l} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$, we have

$$\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{l}} = \sum_{\delta \in \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} \setminus \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}} / \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{j}, \underline{l}}} [\widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} \delta : \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} \delta = \sum_{\delta \in \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} \setminus \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}} / \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{j}, \underline{l}}} [\widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} : \widehat{\Sigma}_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \delta] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{l}} \delta.$$

Let $\bar{\cdot} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ be the map taking least positive remainder modulo n . It can be extended to $\bar{\cdot} : I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \rightarrow I(n, r)$. Note that $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \xi_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon^1} = \xi_{\bar{\underline{i}} + n\varepsilon^2, \bar{\underline{j}}}$, where $\varepsilon^1 = \frac{\bar{\underline{i}} - \underline{i}}{n}$, $\varepsilon^2 = \frac{\bar{\underline{j}} - \underline{j}}{n}$ are both in \mathbb{Z}^r . Since $\{(\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon) \mid \underline{i} \in I(n, r) / \Sigma_r, \underline{j} \in I(n, r) / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}\}$ is a set of representatives of the $\widehat{\Sigma}_r$ -orbits of $I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \times I(\mathbb{Z}, r)$, the set $\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \mid \underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r)\} = \{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \mid (\underline{i}, \underline{j}) \in I(\mathbb{Z}, r) \times I(\mathbb{Z}, r) / \widehat{\Sigma}_r\}$ equals the set $\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \mid \underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(n, r), \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\} = \{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \mid \underline{i} \in I(n, r) / \Sigma_r, \underline{j} \in I(n, r) / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}\}$. Thus we can rewrite Proposition 2.2 as follows.

Proposition 2.3. For $\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{l} \in I(n, r)$, $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{l} + n\varepsilon'} &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} \setminus \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon} / \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} : \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon} \delta] \xi_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} \delta \\ &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} \setminus \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon} / \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} : \Sigma_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{j}} + n\varepsilon} \delta] \xi_{\bar{\underline{i}}, \bar{\underline{l}} + n\varepsilon'} \delta. \end{aligned}$$

3 Certain centralizer algebras

In this section we study centralizer algebras of the form $e\tilde{S}(n, r)e$, where e is an idempotent of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$. We show a few Morita equivalences and prove that $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is Noetherian.

Proposition 2.1(iii) says that $\sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n, r)/\Sigma_r} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a decomposition of the identity into orthogonal idempotents. Correspondingly $\oplus_{\underline{i} \in I(n, r)/\Sigma_r} \tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a decomposition of the regular $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ -module into a direct sum of projective modules.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(n, r)$ with $\Sigma_{\underline{i}} \geq \Sigma_{\underline{j}}$. Assume $\text{char} K \nmid [\Sigma_{\underline{i}} : \Sigma_{\underline{j}}]$, then as an $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ -module $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a direct summand of $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}}$.*

Proof. Note that under that assumption

$$\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{i}} = \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{j}}/\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\delta, \underline{j}}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\delta} = [\Sigma_{\underline{i}} : \Sigma_{\underline{j}}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$$

So $\phi : \tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} \rightarrow \tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}}$, $\xi \mapsto \xi\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}$, and $\psi : \tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}} \rightarrow \tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$, $\xi \mapsto \frac{\xi\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{i}}}{[\Sigma_{\underline{i}} : \Sigma_{\underline{j}}]}$ are both homomorphisms of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ -modules and $\psi \circ \phi = \text{id}$. Consequently we get the desired result. \square

For $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$, denote by $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$ the centralizer algebra $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$. The following is a corollary of Lemma 3.1.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$ and $\underline{j} = \sigma(\underline{i})$ for some $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$. Then $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ and $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j}}$ are isomorphic $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ -modules. Consequently, $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$ and $\tilde{S}(\underline{j})$ are isomorphic K -algebras.*

Proof. The first statement follows from Lemma 3.1 since $\Sigma_{\underline{j}} = \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$. The second statement is because isomorphic modules have isomorphic endomorphism algebras. \square

The next proposition shows that some centralizer algebras are in fact affine Schur algebras with different parameters.

Proposition 3.3. *Let N be a subset of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, and $\xi_N = \sum_{\underline{i} \in I(N, r)/\Sigma_r} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$. Then $\xi_N \tilde{S}(n, r) \xi_N \cong \tilde{S}(\#N, r)$.*

Proof. Let $s = \#N$, and $N^0 = \{1, \dots, s\}$. Then there exists a $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ such that σ induces a bijection from $I(N, r)$ to $I(N^0, r)$ given by $\underline{i} \mapsto \sigma(\underline{i})$. Therefore by Lemma 3.2 $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_N$ and $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{N^0}$ are isomorphic $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ -modules. As a result, their endomorphism algebras $\xi_N \tilde{S}(n, r) \xi_N$ and $\xi_{N^0} \tilde{S}(n, r) \xi_{N^0}$ are isomorphic K -algebras. Finally, sending $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+n\varepsilon}$ to $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+s\varepsilon}$ is a K -algebra isomorphism from $\xi_{N^0} \tilde{S}(n, r) \xi_{N^0}$ to $\tilde{S}(s, r)$. \square

Now we are able to establish a Morita equivalence.

Theorem 3.4. *Assume $n \geq r$, then $\tilde{S}(n+1, r)$ is Morita equivalent to $\tilde{S}(n, r)$.*

Proof. Since $n \geq r$, we have that for any $\underline{i} \in I(n+1, r)$ there exists $\sigma \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ such that $\sigma(\underline{i}) \in I(n, r)$. Therefore $\tilde{S}(n+1, r)\xi_N$ is a progenerator where $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$. In particular, $\tilde{S}(n+1, r)$ is Morita equivalent to $\xi_N \tilde{S}(n+1, r) \xi_N$, which is isomorphic to $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ by Proposition 3.3. \square

Next we will concentrate on the algebras $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$. We start with a special case.

3.1 Special case : $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)$

$\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1) = K\{\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\}$. Following Proposition 2.3 we write down the product formula for this algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon'} &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\varepsilon'} \setminus \sigma_r / \Sigma_{\varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\varepsilon'} \delta + \varepsilon : \Sigma_{\varepsilon'} \delta, \varepsilon] \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon' \delta + \varepsilon)} \\ &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\varepsilon} \setminus \sigma_r / \Sigma_{\varepsilon'}} [\Sigma_{\varepsilon} \delta + \varepsilon' : \Sigma_{\varepsilon} \delta, \varepsilon'] \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon \delta + \varepsilon')} , \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r$. In particular $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)$ is a commutative algebra. Since $\Sigma_{1 \cdots 1} = \Sigma_r$, we see that $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon \sigma}$ for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ and $\sigma \in \Sigma_r$. Thus for a basis element $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon}$ we can always choose ε to be weakly decreasing. In other words, $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon}$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ weakly decreasing, form a basis for $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)$.

We denote by $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+$ the subalgebra of $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)$ with basis $\{\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^r, \varepsilon_1 \geq \dots \geq \varepsilon_r \geq 0\}$. Then $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+$ is a positively graded K -algebra with grading given by $\deg(\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_r)}) = \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r$. Let e^1, \dots, e^r be the natural \mathbb{Z} -basis for \mathbb{Z}^r . Let $\varepsilon^k = \sum_{i=1}^k e^i$ and $t_k = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon^k}$ for $k = 1, \dots, r$.

Proposition 3.5. $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+ = K\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1}[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r]$ is a polynomial algebra in r indeterminates.

Proof. We prove in two steps: t_1, \dots, t_r generate $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+$ and they are algebraically independent. For the first step, it suffices to show basis elements $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon}$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ weakly decreasing, are generated by them. Induct on the degree and the number of s 's with $\varepsilon_s = 0$.

If $\varepsilon_r \neq 0$, then $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_r \varepsilon^r)} t_r^{\varepsilon_r}$ is the product of an element of less degree and a power of t_r .

Assume $\varepsilon_{k+1} = \dots = \varepsilon_r = 0$ but $\varepsilon_k \neq 0$, then

$$\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon - \varepsilon^k)} t_k - \sum_{\delta} [\Sigma_{\varepsilon^k} \delta + \varepsilon - \varepsilon^k : \Sigma_{\varepsilon^k} \delta, \varepsilon - \varepsilon^k] \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon^k \delta + \varepsilon - \varepsilon^k)}$$

where the sum is over a set of representatives of all non-trivial double cosets $\Sigma_{\varepsilon^k} \delta \Sigma_{\varepsilon - \varepsilon^k}$ of Σ_r . Note that $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon - \varepsilon^k)}$ is of less degree and $\varepsilon^k \delta + \varepsilon - \varepsilon^k$ has less zero entries than ε . By induction we finish this step.

Now let us prove the second step. The K -dimension of the homogeneous component of $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+$ of degree nm is $\#\{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r \mid \varepsilon_1 \geq \dots \geq \varepsilon_r \geq 0, \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r = m\}$. This set is in bijection with the set $\{(n_1, \dots, n_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^r \mid n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0, n_1 + 2n_2 + \dots + rn_r = m\}$, whose cardinality equals the K -dimension of the homogeneous component of the polynomial algebra $K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ of degree nm with $\deg(x_k) = nk$, $k = 1, \dots, r$. This dimension comparison shows that t_1, \dots, t_r are algebraically independent. \square

Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ be weakly decreasing. If $\varepsilon_r < 0$, then $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_r \varepsilon^r)} (t_r^{-1})^{-\varepsilon_r}$ is the product of an element $\xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_r \varepsilon^r)}$ in $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)^+$ and a power of t_r^{-1} , where $t_r^{-1} = \xi_{1 \cdots 1, 1 \cdots 1 + n(-\varepsilon^r)}$.

Proposition 3.6. (i) As a K -algebra $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots 1)$ is isomorphic to $K[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r, t_r^{-1}]$, where t_1, \dots, t_r are indeterminates. In particular, the affine Schur algebra $\tilde{S}(1, r)$ is isomorphic to $K[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r, t_r^{-1}]$.

(ii) $\xi_{1\dots 1,1\dots 1}$ is a primitive idempotent of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$.

3.2 A commutative subalgebra of $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$

Fix $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$ in this subsection. Then $\tilde{S}(\underline{i}) = K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}w} \mid w \in \widehat{\Sigma}_r\} = K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma + n\varepsilon} \mid \sigma \in \Sigma_r, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\}$.

The rest of this subsection is devoted to the study of a commutative subalgebra of $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$.

Let $B_{\underline{i}} = K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon}\}$. By Proposition 2.3 for $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r$,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon'} &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon'}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon' + \varepsilon\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon', \varepsilon\delta}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon\delta)} \\ &= \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon'} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon + \varepsilon'\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon, \varepsilon'\delta}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n(\varepsilon + \varepsilon'\delta)}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $B_{\underline{i}}$ is a commutative subalgebra of $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$. Moreover,

Proposition 3.7. $B_{\underline{i}}$ is a maximal commutative subalgebra of $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$.

Proof. Let $\xi = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}} \lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma + n\varepsilon} \in \tilde{S}(\underline{i})$ be such that for any $\varepsilon^0 \in \mathbb{Z}^r$,

$$\xi \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon^0} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon^0} \xi,$$

$$\begin{aligned} i.e. \quad & \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}} \lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\sigma\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^0\sigma\delta}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma + n(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\sigma\delta)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}} \lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^0\delta}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma + n(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\delta)} \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Take $t \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough, say, $t = 10 \times \max\{|\varepsilon_s| \mid s = 1, \dots, r, \varepsilon : \lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \neq 0 \text{ for some } \sigma\}$ and take $\varepsilon^0 = t(1, 2, \dots, r)$. Then for $\sigma \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}$, $\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}$, we have $\Sigma_{\varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\delta} = 1$. In particular, $[\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^0\delta}] = 1$. Moreover, for $\sigma' \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma'}$, $\delta' \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma', \varepsilon'}$, we have $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma' + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon^0\delta')} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma' + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon^0\delta')}$ implies $(\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma' + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon^0\delta')) \sim_{\widehat{\Sigma}_r} (\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma' + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon^0\delta'))$, i.e. there exists $\tau \in \widehat{\Sigma}_r$ such that $\underline{i} = \underline{i}\tau$, $\underline{i}\sigma' = \underline{i}\sigma'\tau$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon'\tau$, $\varepsilon^0\delta = \varepsilon^0\delta'\tau$. Thus $\tau \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\sigma' \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}}\sigma\tau^{-1}$, and $\delta'\tau = \delta$ since Σ_{ε^0} is trivial. Therefore $\sigma = \sigma'$, and hence $\tau \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}$. So $\varepsilon = \varepsilon'$, and then $\tau \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}$, and hence $\delta = \delta'$.

Now suppose $\sigma \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma}$, $\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}$ satisfy $\lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \neq 0$. Then by (*) there exist $\sigma' \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}} \setminus \Sigma_r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma'}$, $\delta' \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon^0} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{i}} / \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma', \varepsilon'}$ such that $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma' + n(\varepsilon' + \varepsilon^0\delta')} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}\sigma + n(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^0\delta)}$, i.e. there exists $\tau \in \widehat{\Sigma}_r$ such that $\underline{i} = \underline{i}\tau$, $\underline{i}\sigma' = \underline{i}\sigma\tau$, $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon\tau$, $\varepsilon^0\delta' = \varepsilon^0\delta\tau$. Similar arguments as above show that $\tau \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \sigma, \varepsilon}$, and $\sigma' = \sigma$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon'$, $\sigma\delta' = \delta\tau$. This implies $\sigma = (\sigma\delta'\sigma^{-1})^{-1}\delta\tau \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, i.e. σ is trivial. In a word, $\lambda_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \neq 0$ implies σ is trivial. That is, $\xi \in B_{\underline{i}}$. \square

Let $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ be the weight of \underline{i} , i.e. $\lambda_s = \#\{k \mid k = 1, \dots, r, i_k = s\}$, and let α be the number of nonzero entries of λ . Then

Proposition 3.8. $B_{\underline{i}}$ is a polynomial algebra in $r - \alpha$ indeterminates over a Laurent polynomial algebra in α indeterminates over K . In particular, $B_{\underline{i}}$ is Noetherian.

Proof. For $s = 1, \dots, n$, set $\underline{i}(s, r) = s \cdots s \in I(n, r)$. We may assume $\underline{i} = \underline{i}(1, \lambda_1) \cdots \underline{i}(n, \lambda_n)$. For $s = 1, \dots, n$, and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, set

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_s &= \{0\}^{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{s-1}} \times \mathbb{Z}^{\lambda_s} \times \{0\}^{\lambda_{s+1} + \dots + \lambda_n}, \\ \theta_s^0(\varepsilon) &= (\varepsilon_{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{s-1} + 1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_s}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{\lambda_s}, \\ \theta_s(\varepsilon) &= (0, \dots, 0, \theta_s^0(\varepsilon), 0, \dots, 0) \in \Phi_s.\end{aligned}$$

Let $B_s = K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \Phi_s\}$. If $\lambda_s = 0$ then $B_s \cong K$. Otherwise $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} \mapsto \xi_{1 \dots 1, 1 \dots 1 + \theta_s^0(\varepsilon)}$ defines an algebra isomorphism $B_s \cong \tilde{S}(1, \lambda_s)$. By Proposition 3.6 the latter algebra is a polynomial algebra with $\lambda_s - 1$ indeterminates over a Laurent polynomial algebra in 1 indeterminates. Now for $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, we have $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} = \prod_{s=1}^n \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\theta_s(\varepsilon)}$. Therefore $B_{\underline{i}} \cong B_1 \otimes \dots \otimes B_n$, and we are done. \square

3.3 $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is Noetherian

In this subsection we will prove that $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is Noetherian.

For $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, let $\check{\varepsilon}$ be the unique element in $\{\varepsilon\sigma \mid \sigma \in \Sigma_r\}$ such that $\check{\varepsilon}_1 \geq \check{\varepsilon}_2 \geq \dots \geq \check{\varepsilon}_r$. For $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, define $\varepsilon > \varepsilon'$ if $\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r = \varepsilon'_1 + \dots + \varepsilon'_r$ and $\check{\varepsilon} > \check{\varepsilon}'$ according to the lexicographic order. We say $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ is *successive* if $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_r\}$ is a set of successive integers, ε is *absolutely successive* if in addition each entry is nonnegative and at least one of them equals 0.

Fix $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(n, r)$. By Proposition 2.3 the K -space M spanned by $\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\}$ is a $B_{\underline{i}}$ -module.

Proposition 3.9. *The module M is generated over $B_{\underline{i}}$ by*

$$\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \text{ is absolutely successive}\}.$$

In particular, it is finitely generated.

Proof. We prove that the basis elements $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon}$ is generated by the desired set. Since

$$\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + nt(1, \dots, 1)} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon - t(1, \dots, 1))}$$

for $t = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_r\}$, we may assume $\varepsilon \geq 0$ and one of its entry is 0. Induct on the volume $\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r$ of ε .

If ε satisfies $\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r = 0$ or 1, then ε is absolutely successive. Suppose $\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r \geq 2$. If ε is successive, then it is absolutely successive. If ε is not successive, then there is a partition $\Omega \cup \Omega^c$ of $\{1, \dots, r\}$ such that $\varepsilon_k \geq \varepsilon_{k'} + 2, \forall k \in \Omega, k' \in \Omega^c$. Recall that e^1, \dots, e^r is the natural \mathbb{Z} -basis for \mathbb{Z}^r . Set $e(\Omega) = \sum_{k \in \Omega} e^k$. Then

$$\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + ne(\Omega)} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon - e(\Omega))} - \sum_{\delta} \mu_{\delta} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} - nt_{\delta}(1, \dots, 1)} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon - e(\Omega) + e(\Omega)\delta - t_{\delta}(1, \dots, 1))}$$

where the sum is over a representative set of all nontrivial double cosets $\Sigma_{\underline{i}, e(\Omega)} \delta \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon - e(\Omega), \underline{j}}$ of $\Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, $\mu_{\delta} = [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon - e(\Omega) + e(\Omega)\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon - e(\Omega), e(\Omega)\delta}]$ and t_{δ} is the minimal entry of $\varepsilon - e(\Omega) + e(\Omega)\delta$. Now $\varepsilon - e(\Omega)$ is of less volume. If $t_{\delta} = 0$ then $\varepsilon - e(\Omega) + e(\Omega)\delta$ is of the assuming form and smaller than ε , and if $t_{\delta} > 0$ then $\varepsilon - e(\Omega) + e(\Omega)\delta - t_{\delta}(1, \dots, 1)$ is of less volume. \square

As a consequence we have

Theorem 3.10. (i) $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$ is a Noetherian ring.

(ii) $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ is a Noetherian ring.

Proof. By Proposition 3.9 both $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$ and $\tilde{S}(n, r)$ are finitely generated over $\oplus_{\underline{i} \in I(n, r)/\Sigma_r} B_{\underline{i}}$, which is a Noetherian ring by Proposition 3.8. \square

In fact by a more subtle discussion we can reduce the number of generators in Proposition 3.9. We assume $\underline{i} = \underline{i}(1, \lambda_1) \cdots \underline{i}(n, \lambda_n)$. Then

Corollary 3.11. As a $B_{\underline{i}}$ -module, $K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\}$ is generated by

$$\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+n\varepsilon} \mid \theta_s^0(\varepsilon) \text{ is absolutely successive } \forall s = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Proof. Denote by M the module under investigation. Then $M = M_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes M_n$, where $M_s = K\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \Phi_s\}$ is a B_s -module. By Proposition 3.9, M_s is generated by $\{\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}+n\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \Phi_s, \theta_s^0(\varepsilon) \text{ is absolutely successive } \forall s = 1, \dots, n\}$. \square

3.4 Special case : $\tilde{S}(1 \cdots r)$ ($n \geq r$)

Assume $n \geq r$. Let $\underline{u} = (1, \dots, r) \in I(n, r)$. Then $\tilde{S}(\underline{u}) = K\{\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w} \mid w \in \widehat{\Sigma}_r\}$ with $\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w} \xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w'} = \xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w'w}$. Note that $\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w} = \xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w'}$ if and only if $w = w'$. Therefore the set of basis elements $\{\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}w} \mid w \in \widehat{\Sigma}_r\}$ is closed under multiplication. In fact it is isomorphic to $\widehat{\Sigma}_r$. Hence $\tilde{S}(\underline{u})$ is isomorphic to the group algebra $K\widehat{\Sigma}_r$. We will identify these two algebras. Define the Schur functor $F : \tilde{S}(n, r)\text{-Mod} \longrightarrow K\widehat{\Sigma}_r\text{-Mod}$, $W \mapsto \xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}}W$.

Theorem 3.12. Assume $\text{char}K > r$ or $\text{char}K = 0$. Then the Schur functor F is an equivalence.

Proof. Since $\Sigma_{\underline{i}} \geq \Sigma_{\underline{u}}$ for any $\underline{i} \in I(n, r)$, it follows by Lemma 3.1 that each $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a direct summand of $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}}$. Therefore $\tilde{S}(n, r)\xi_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}}$ is a progenerator, and hence we have the desired equivalence. \square

3.5 Special case : $\tilde{S}(112 \cdots n)$ ($r = n + 1$)

Assume $r = n + 1$. Let $\underline{v} = 112 \cdots n$.

Theorem 3.13. Assume $\text{char}K > n + 1$ or $\text{char}K = 0$. Then $\tilde{S}(n, n + 1)$ is Morita equivalent to $\tilde{S}(\underline{v})$.

Proof. For any $\underline{i} \in I(n, n + 1)$ there exists $\sigma \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ such that $\Sigma_{\underline{i}\sigma} \geq \Sigma_{\underline{v}}$. Therefore by Lemma 3.1 each $\tilde{S}(n, n + 1)\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}}$ is a direct summand of $\tilde{S}(n, n + 1)\xi_{\underline{v}, \underline{v}}$. Therefore $\tilde{S}(n, n + 1)\xi_{\underline{v}, \underline{v}}$ is a progenerator, and hence we have the desired Morita equivalence. \square

4 The center

In this section we will study the precise structure of $Z = Z(\tilde{S}(n, r))$, the center of $\tilde{S}(n, r)$.

For $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, set

$$c_\varepsilon = \sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_r} \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon\sigma}$$

Then $c_\varepsilon = c_{\varepsilon'}$ if and only if $\varepsilon \sim_{\Sigma_r} \varepsilon'$.

Proposition 4.1. *For any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, $c_\varepsilon \in Z$.*

Proof. Let $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in I(n,r)$, $\varepsilon^0 \in \mathbb{Z}^r$. Then by Proposition 2.3

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} c_\varepsilon &= \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} (\sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{j}}} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon\sigma}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{j}}} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} \xi_{\underline{j}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon\sigma} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{j}}} \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon\sigma} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{j}}/\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon\sigma\delta + \varepsilon^0} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0, \varepsilon\sigma\delta}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon\sigma\delta + \varepsilon^0)} \\ &= \sum_{w \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon w + \varepsilon^0} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0, \varepsilon w}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon w + \varepsilon^0)} \\ c_\varepsilon \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} &= (\sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon\sigma}) \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon\sigma} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon^0} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \sum_{\delta \in \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon\sigma} \setminus \Sigma_{\underline{j}}/\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0 + \varepsilon\sigma\delta} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon\sigma\delta, \varepsilon^0}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon^0 + \varepsilon\sigma\delta)} \\ &= \sum_{w \in \Sigma_\varepsilon \setminus \Sigma_r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0}} [\Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon w + \varepsilon^0} : \Sigma_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon^0, \varepsilon w}] \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n(\varepsilon w + \varepsilon^0)} \end{aligned}$$

The last equalities in these two formulas follow from the following lemma. \square

Lemma 4.2. *Let G be a group, H_1, H_2 are two subgroups of G and H_3 a subgroup of H_2 . Let Σ be a representative set of $H_1 \backslash G/H_2$, and for $\sigma \in \Sigma$ let $\eta(\sigma)$ be a representative set of $(H_1^\sigma \cap H_2) \backslash H_2/H_3$, where $H_1^\sigma = \sigma^{-1}H_1\sigma$. Then $\cup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \sigma\eta(\sigma)$ is a representative set of $H_1 \backslash G/H_3$.*

Proposition 4.3. *Z is spanned by $\{c_\varepsilon \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r\}$.*

Before proving this proposition, we first have a look at what form a central element should have. Let $c = \sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_r} \sum_{\underline{j} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} + n\varepsilon} \in \tilde{S}(n,r)$ be a central element. Then for any $\underline{i} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_r$, we have $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} c \in \tilde{S}(\underline{i})$. Moreover $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} c$ lies in the center of $\tilde{S}(\underline{i})$, and hence lies in $B_{\underline{i}}$ by Proposition 3.7. Therefore $\lambda_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \varepsilon} = 0$ if $\underline{j} \neq \underline{i}$. Namely c can be written as

$$c = \sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_r} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon}$$

Lemma 4.4. *Let $\underline{i} \in I(n,r)$ and assume $\xi \in B_{\underline{i}}$ satisfies $\xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} \xi = 0$. Then $\xi = 0$.*

Proof. Suppose $\xi = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_\varepsilon \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} \in B_{\underline{i}}$. Then $\xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} \xi = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_\varepsilon \xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon}$. But for $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}$, we have $\xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} = \xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon'}$ if and only if $\varepsilon = \varepsilon'$. Therefore $\xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} \xi = 0$ implies $\lambda_\varepsilon = 0$ for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}$. \square

Now we are ready for the

Proof of Proposition 4.3 :

Let $c = \sum_{\underline{i} \in I(n,r)/\Sigma_r} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_{\underline{i}, \varepsilon} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i} + n\varepsilon} \in \tilde{S}(n,r)$ be a central element. Then $\xi = c - \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_{1\dots 1, \varepsilon} c_\varepsilon$ is also a central element. Moreover $\xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} \xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} = \xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} \xi = \xi \xi_{1\dots 1, \underline{i}} = 0$ for any $\underline{i} \in I(n,r)$. It follows from Lemma 4.4 that $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{i}} = 0$ for any $\underline{i} \in I(n,r)$, and hence $\xi = 0$. Therefore $c = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^r/\Sigma_{\underline{i}}} \lambda_{1\dots 1, \varepsilon} c_\varepsilon$, as desired. \square

Theorem 4.5. *The center Z of $\tilde{S}(n,r)$ is isomorphic to $K[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r, t_r^{-1}]$, where t_1, \dots, t_r are indeterminates. To be precise, $Z = K[c_{\varepsilon^1}, \dots, c_{\varepsilon^{r-1}}, c_{\varepsilon^r}, c_{-\varepsilon^r}]$, where $\varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^r$ are defined in Section 3.1. In particular, $\tilde{S}(n,r)$ is indecomposable.*

Proof. Sending c_ε to $c_\varepsilon \xi_{1\dots 1, 1\dots 1}$ defines a K -algebra isomorphism from Z to $\tilde{S}(1\dots 1)$. \square

5 Examples

We shall denote by \mathcal{M}_n the algebra of $n \times n$ -matrices with entries from the field K .

Example 1. Let $r = 1$. Then $\tilde{S}(n, 1)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{M}_n \otimes K[t, t^{-1}]$. So $\tilde{S}(n, 1)$ is Morita equivalent to $K[t, t^{-1}] = K\widehat{\Sigma}_1$ with the equivalence given by the Schur functor. The center of this algebra is $1 \otimes K[t, t^{-1}]$.

Example 2. Let $n = 1$. Then by Proposition 3.6 $\tilde{S}(1, r) \cong K[t_1, \dots, t_{r-1}, t_r, t_r^{-1}]$, where t_1, \dots, t_r are indeterminates. This is a commutative algebra.

Example 3. Let $n = 2, r = 2$. Then by Theorem 4.5 the center of $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ is $Z = K[c_{10}, c_{11}, c_{11}^{-1}]$. We shall classify all simple $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ -modules. Let M be a simple $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ -module, then Z acts as scalars, say, c_{10} as $a \in K$, and c_{11} as $b \in K^\times$. Then the action of $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ on M factors through the algebra $A_{a,b} = \tilde{S}(2, 2)/(c_{10} - a, c_{11} - b)$.

Case 1 : $\text{char} K \neq 2$. As a Z -module, $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ is free with basis

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \xi_{11,11} & \xi_{11,12} & \xi_{11,12}\gamma & \xi_{11,22} \\ \frac{\xi_{12,11}}{2} & \frac{\xi_{12,12} + \xi_{12,21}}{2} & \gamma & \frac{\xi_{12,22}}{2} \\ \frac{\gamma'\xi_{12,11}}{2} & \gamma' & \frac{\xi_{12,12} - \xi_{12,21}}{2} & \frac{\gamma'\xi_{12,22}}{2} \\ \xi_{22,11} & \xi_{22,12} & \xi_{22,12}\gamma & \xi_{22,22} \end{array}$$

where $\frac{\xi_{12,12} - \xi_{12,21}}{2} \gamma' \frac{\xi_{12,12} + \xi_{12,21}}{2} = \gamma'$, $\frac{\xi_{12,12} + \xi_{12,21}}{2} \gamma \frac{\xi_{12,12} - \xi_{12,21}}{2} = \gamma$, $\gamma'\gamma = (c_{10}^2 - 4c_{11}) \frac{\xi_{12,12} - \xi_{12,21}}{2}$ and $\gamma\gamma' = (c_{10}^2 - 4c_{11}) \frac{\xi_{12,12} + \xi_{12,21}}{2}$. Other structure constants are easy to calculate.

When $a^2 - 4b = 0$, the radical $\text{rad}A_{a,b}$ of $A_{a,b}$ is spanned by $\xi_{11,12}\gamma$, γ , $\frac{\gamma'\xi_{12,11}}{2}$, γ' , $\frac{\gamma'\xi_{12,22}}{2}$, and $\xi_{22,12}\gamma$, and hence $A_{a,b}/\text{rad}(A_{a,b})$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{M}_3 \times K$. When $a^2 - 4b \neq 0$, the algebra $A_{a,b}$ is isomorphic to \mathcal{M}_4 .

Therefore the isoclasses of simple $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ -modules are parametrized by the plane without the x -axis and with the curve $\{(x, \frac{x^2}{4}) \mid x \neq 0\}$ doubled.

Case 2 : $\text{char} K = 2$. As a Z -module, $\tilde{S}(2, 2)$ is free with basis

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \xi_{11,11} & \xi_{11,12} & \xi_{11,12}l & \xi_{11,22} \\ \xi_{12,11} & \xi_{12,12} & \xi_{12,21} & \xi_{12,22} \\ l\xi_{12,11} & l & l\xi_{12,21} & l\xi_{12,22} \\ \xi_{22,11} & \xi_{22,12} & \xi_{22,12}l & \xi_{22,22} \end{array}$$

where $\xi_{12,12}l = l\xi_{12,12} = l$, $l^2 = c_{10}l + c_{11}\xi_{12,12}$, $\xi_{12,21}l = l\xi_{12,21} + c_{10}\xi_{12,21}$, $\xi_{11,12}l\xi_{12,11} = c_{10}\xi_{11,11}$, $\xi_{11,12}l\xi_{12,22} = c_{10}\xi_{11,22}$, $\xi_{22,12}l\xi_{12,11} = c_{10}\xi_{22,11}$, and $\xi_{22,12}l\xi_{22,22} = c_{10}\xi_{22,22}$. Other structure constants are easy to calculate.

We denote the images of these elements in $A_{a,b}$ by the same notations. For simplicity we assume K is quadratically closed. Let $\alpha = \xi_{12,12} + \xi_{12,21}$, $\beta = l\xi_{12,21} + \sqrt{b}\xi_{12,12}$, then $A_{a,b}$ has the following basis

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \xi_{11,11} & \xi_{11,12} & \xi_{11,12}\beta & \xi_{11,22} \\ \xi_{12,11} & \xi_{12,12} & \alpha & \xi_{12,22} \\ \beta\xi_{12,11} & \beta & \alpha\beta & \beta\xi_{12,22} \\ \xi_{22,11} & \xi_{22,12} & \xi_{22,12}\beta & \xi_{22,22} \end{array}$$

where $\beta^2 = 0$, $\beta\alpha = \alpha\beta + a$, $\xi_{12,12}\beta\xi_{12,12} = \beta$, $\xi_{i,12}\beta\xi_{12,j} = a\xi_{i,j}$, $\xi_{12,i}\xi_{i,12} = \alpha$, $\xi_{i,12}\xi_{12,j} = 0$. In the above, $i, j \in \{11, 22\}$.

If $a = 0$, then the radical $\text{rad}A_{0,b}$ of $A_{0,b}$ is spanned by $\xi_{11,12}$, $\xi_{11,12}\beta$, $\xi_{12,11}$, α , $\xi_{12,22}$, $\beta\xi_{12,11}$, β , $\alpha\beta$, $\beta\xi_{12,22}$, $\xi_{22,12}$, $\xi_{22,12}\beta$. Therefore $A_{0,b}/\text{rad}A_{0,b}$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{M}_2 \times K$. If $a \neq 0$, then

the algebra $A_{a,b}$ has basis

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \xi_{11,11} & \xi_{11,12} & \xi_{11,12}\beta & \xi_{11,22} \\ a^{-1}\beta\xi_{12,11} & 1+a^{-1}\alpha\beta & \beta & a^{-1}\beta\xi_{12,22} \\ a^{-1}\xi_{12,11} & a^{-1}\alpha & a^{-1}\alpha\beta & a^{-1}\xi_{12,22} \\ \xi_{22,11} & \xi_{22,12} & \xi_{22,12}\beta & \xi_{22,22} \end{array}$$

If we denote by E_{ij} the element in the (i,j) -entry then $E_{ij}E_{kl} = \delta_{jk}E_{il}$. In particular $A_{a,b}$ is isomorphic to \mathcal{M}_4 .

Therefore the isoclasses of simple $\tilde{S}(2,2)$ -modules are parametrized by the plane without x -axis and with the curve $\{(0,y) \mid y \neq 0\}$ doubled.

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